

HABS No. ID-110-D

Hornet Ranger Station, Woodshed/Cellar (Building No. 1347)
Payette National Forest
National Forest Road No. 50002
Council Vicinity
Adams County
Idaho

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: Payette National Forest
15 miles southwest of Council
0.2 miles north of Washington County line
National Forest Road No. 50002, at Mill Creek
Adams County
Idaho

U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute Hornet SW, ID, quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator coordinates:
11.529300.4965000

Present Owner: Payette National Forest
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1026 Park Street
McCall, Idaho 83638

Present Use: Abandoned

Statement of Significance:

The Hornet Ranger Station forms important historical associations with two federal agencies: the U.S. Forest Service and the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). Both of these agencies were instrumental in the regional development of the West during the first half of the twentieth century.

PART 1. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Date of erection: The woodshed/cellar was built in 1933-1934.
2. Architect/Builder: The woodshed/cellar was built as a modified "Plan R-4 #66" woodshed. It was built as part of a cooperative project between personnel of the Weiser National Forest and the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC).
3. Original and subsequent owners: The woodshed/cellar has always been the property of the U.S. Forest Service.
4. Alterations and additions: Originally, the structure was painted white with green trim. Today, it is painted avocado with white trim. The original wood shingle roof was covered with corrugated aluminum in the 1960s.

B. Historical Context: See overview for complex.

PART 11. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

The Woodshed/Cellar is a one story building, 16 feet (N-S) by 14 feet (E-W). It measures 16.5 feet in height from the ground to the peak of the roof. The building is placed over a waterproof basement with seven foot high walls.

1. Architectural character: The one story wood frame building with basement with "double drop" horizontal siding is a modified "R-4 #66" woodshed. The structure combines the functions of both a woodshed and cellar. It is a typical example of regional Forest Service architecture.

2. Condition of the fabric: The overall condition of the historic fabric is good.

B. Description of the Exterior

1. Foundations: The building is supported on a dressed waterproof concrete basement. Cellar walls were specified to be eight inches thick and seven feet in height. The walls of the basement structure are reinforced with steel at 18-inch intervals, both vertically and horizontally. A set of three concrete steps are attached to the foundation at the main entryway (west elevation).

2. Walls: The frame building is constructed of milled dimensional lumber of Douglas fir and ponderosa pine. Wire nails are used throughout as fasteners. Walls are set upon "2 x 6" sills bolted to cellar walls. Four "2 x 4" corner posts help to bear the load of the walls. Walls utilize "2 x 4" studs; there are "V" braces between each stud. The exterior is faced with one-inch by five-inch "double drop" overlapping siding.

3. Doors: The building has a single entryway on the west elevation. The door is positioned to the right of the gable. It contains five panels made of fir, and is painted white.

4. Windows: The fenestration of the shed utilizes only two windows; one each on the west and east elevation. The west window has a flat structural opening measuring 2.5 feet by three feet. It contains six panes of glass, "three over three." The east window does not appear to have ever contained glass. The structural opening is covered with a wooden shutter painted white. The cellar contains a single window along the south elevation. It is rectangular in shape and contains three panes of glass.

5. Roof: The gable roof is constructed with "2 x 4" rafters of Douglas fir with evenly spaced fir plywood sheathing. Originally, the roof was covered with milled wooden shingles. It was re-roofed with green painted corrugated aluminum in the 1960s.

C. Description of the Interior

1. Floor plan: The structure consists of one large room with stairway access to the cellar.

2. Flooring and ceiling: The floor of the woodshed consists of unpainted overlapping pine boards. The ceiling is unfinished; the ground floor is open to the rafters and sheathing of the roof. The floor of the cellar is dressed concrete. Specifications called for the cellar floor to be finished with a large sander to bring out the fine aggregates in the mixture.

3. Other features: The interior walls are covered with tar paper. One double-sided wall is located where the stairway approaches the cellar. This wall is covered with ponderosa pine wall board placed horizontally. The stairway is constructed with "1 x 3" milled lumber; step risers measure eight inches.